

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion; and

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and wherein the protrusion can be inserted into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first knife is a ~~switch blade type~~ folding type knife; and

the second knife is a folding type knife.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the first knife is comprised of first and second blades; and

the second knife is comprised of third and fourth blades.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further wherein

the first knife is comprised of a first blade; and

wherein the third plate has a portion which flexes to keep the first blade in an open position.

~~the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;~~

~~the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion; and~~

~~wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.~~

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further wherein

the opening in the third plate is configured to permit the protrusion to be rotated to a limited extent, while the protrusion is in the opening of the third plate.

~~the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion.~~

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein

the opening in the third plate is circular with the exception of two stops which protrude into the opening of the third plate and prevent the protrusion of the second attachment device from rotating three hundred and sixty degrees while in the opening of the third plate.

~~the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and wherein the protrusion can be inserted~~

~~into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.~~

7. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

~~The apparatus of claim 4 wherein~~

the opening in the first plate of the first attachment device has a first substantially rectangular portion, a substantially circular portion, and a second substantially rectangular portion.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6 1 further comprising

first and second protruding stops;

wherein the first and second protruding stops protrude into the opening of the third plate of the first attachment device and prevent the first knife from rotating more than one hundred and eighty degrees with respect to the second knife, after the second knife is attached to the first

knife.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein

the first and second blades can rotate from a closed position within the first knife to an open position;

and wherein the third and fourth blades can rotate from a closed position within the first knife to an open position.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first knife has a clip.

11. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein~~

the second attachment device can be inserted into the first attachment device, when the first knife is placed at an angle with respect to the second knife, and

wherein the first knife can be rotated with respect to the second knife to cause the first and

second knife to lock snap together in a state of alignment with respect to each other.

12. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion;

~~The apparatus of claim 5 wherein~~

first and second rotating balls are attached to the first plate, so that the balls can rotate but remain in the same position;

the second plate includes a first ball opening and a second ball opening; and

wherein the first rotating ball can be inserted into the first ball opening and the second rotating ball can be inserted into the second ball opening in order to lock the first knife in a first position with respect to the second knife.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein

the second plate includes a third ball opening and a fourth ball opening; and

wherein the first rotating ball can be inserted into the third ball opening and the second rotating ball can be inserted into the fourth ball opening in order to lock the first knife in a second position with respect to the second knife; and

wherein the first position differs from the second position.

14. (currently amended) A method comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

attaching a first attachment device of a first knife to a second attachment device of a second knife, in order to attach the first knife and the second knife together; and

detaching the first attachment device of the first knife from the second attachment device of the second knife in order to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

and further comprising inserting the protrusion of the second attachment device into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening, which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and further comprising

inserting the protrusion into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 ~~further comprising wherein~~

~~configuring the first knife is to be~~ a folding type knife; and

~~configuring the second knife is to be~~ a folding type knife.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 further ~~comprising wherein~~

~~providing the first knife is comprised of~~ with first and second blades; and

~~providing the second knife with is comprised of~~ third and fourth blades.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 ~~14~~ further wherein

~~the first knife is comprised of a first blade; and~~

~~wherein the third plate has a portion which flexes to keep the first blade in an open position.~~

~~the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;~~

~~the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion; and~~

~~and further comprising inserting the protrusion of the second attachment device into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.~~

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17 ~~15~~ wherein

~~the first knife is comprised of a first blade; and~~

~~wherein the third plate has a portion which flexes to keep the first blade in an open position.~~

~~the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion.~~

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18 ~~16~~ wherein

~~the third plate has a portion which flexes to keep the first blade in an open position.~~

~~the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening, which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and further comprising~~

~~inserting the protrusion into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.~~

20. (currently amended) A method comprising the step of:

attaching a first attachment device of a first knife to a second attachment device of a second knife, in order to attach the first knife and the second knife together; and

detaching the first attachment device of the first knife from the second attachment device of the second knife in order to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

and further comprising inserting the protrusion of the second attachment device into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

~~The method of claim 17 wherein~~

the opening in the first plate of the first attachment device has a first substantially rectangular portion, a substantially circular portion, and a second substantially rectangular portion.

21. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 19~~ 14 further comprising

inserting first and second protruding stops into the opening of the third plate of the first attachment device;

wherein the first and second protruding stops prevent the first knife from rotating more than one hundred and eighty degrees with respect to the second knife, after the second knife is



attached to the first knife.